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MRS. DONA CIPKUS
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Dear Mrs. Cipkus:

Subject: Lithuanian Independence Day Celebration
Project No. 042-EH166
Lithuanian Center
Willoughby, Ohio

Thank you for the invitation to attend The Lithuanian Independence Day Celebration at the Lithuanian Center. I regret that I am unable to attend this event because of other work related obligations.

However, on behalf of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Henry G. Cisneros, and our staff of the Cleveland Field Office, I would like to thank the Lithuanian Center for observing this special day to honor the Spirit of Independence.

The past struggles that we have encountered to obtain independence must always remain fresh in our minds. We must always remember our roots. Our strength comes from knowing our past and the sacrifices that we made to obtain freedom. With the re-invention of our government and changing governments worldwide, there is an air of uncertainty of how our future will be affected in the twenty first century. We must always be prepared to stand up against oppressors of freedom. Our freedom is sacred and without our freedom we have nothing. Events such as Lithuanian Independence Day give us the opportunity to give thanks for our precious gift of Freedom.

Best wishes and continued success to the Lithuanian Center, the heart of the Lithuanian-American Community. Again, Happy Lithuanian Independence Day. If our Office can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at (216) 522-7101.

Very sincerely your,

Fred Silvestri
Asset Manager